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EISENHOWER EYES CIA WORK SURVEY

Doolittle Checked On Agency's Activity In Germany

Bonn, Germany, Oct. 14 (AP)—President Eisenhower is reviewing secret operations of the United States Central Intelligence Agency in Europe on the basis of a confidential report from James H. Doolittle, aviation hero, an authoritative source disclosed here tonight.

Doolittle made a hush-hush visit to West Germany in September, conferring with intelligence officers who direct thousands of United States-paid agents in cold-war activities inside the Soviet bloc.

A retired Air Force lieutenant general who served under Eisenhower in North Africa and on the Western front, Doolittle was the President's personal nominee for the CIA survey.

Some of the highest CIA officials in Germany have been Doolittle's friends since prewar days, when he was an air racer. He discussed with them some of the most guarded secrets of American espionage.

Restriction On Activity

It is assumed here that one of the questions explored by Doolittle was whether the CIA's super-size staff abroad could be pared down without crippling its essential security functions. About 1,000 Americans are employed by CIA in Germany alone. Many Germans are also on its pay roll.

Another question that Doolittle may have taken up was whether undercover operations behind the Iron Curtain should be modified.

Still a third question may have been the future restrictions that will be clamped on CIA by the grant of sovereignty to West Germany.

The Bonn peace contract, signed in 1952 but scuttled in August when the French National Assembly rejected the European Defense Community treaty, would have allowed the Western allies to retain certain security powers after the end of the occupation. The allies are concerned that these powers be safeguarded in any new understanding with the Germans.

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